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DIALING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain States like Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh etc. telephone subscribers do not have to dial `0` to access mobile phones in another circle within the State from both mobile phones and landline phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this facility is likely to be extended from landline to landline phones also;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government proposes to extend this facility in other States;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (h) Yes, Sir. The dialing procedure for calls within the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal has been simplified i.e. dialing of mobile to mobile and fixed to mobile is without prefixing `0`. This was done to correct the aberration and make the arrangement for dialing and routing of such calls at par with other States. As there is no such aberration in other States there is no such proposal at present.

Regarding landline to landline calls the dialing of calls is based on Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) based link numbering scheme and hence there is no such proposal at present.